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SUBJ: HASENFUS LINKED TO SWISS BANK CASHIER

1. PRO-GON DAILIES BARRICADA AND EL NUEVO DIARIO, IN NOVEMBER 29 STORIES DATELINED WASHINGTON, AND DRAWN ENTIRELY FROM ITEMS BREAKING IN THE U.S. MEDIA, DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THE "GROWING SCANDAL IN WASHINGTON" AND IMPRISONED AMCIT EUGENE "HASENFUS" CONNECTION TO THE SCANDAL." ACCORDING TO BARRICADA'S ARTICLE, THE UNION OF SWISS BANKS HAD DENIED THAT EITHER THE CIA OR THE CONTRAS HAD ACCOUNTS THERE, BUT HAD ADMITTED THAT HASENFUS HAD "STRICTLY PRIVATE RELATIONS" WITH CASHIER JEAN-PAUL CUCHE. CITING THE U.S. NETWORK CBS AS ITS SOURCE, BARRICADA SAID A BANK BOOK FROM A SWISS BANK WAS ONE OF THE MANY ITEMS FOUND IN THE C-123K DOWNED BY NICARAGUAN FORCES ON OCTOBER 5, AND IN THAT BANK BOOK, AN ACCOUNT NUMBER, POSSIBLY THAT OF USDOLS 30 MILLION FOR THE CONTRA, HAD BEEN NOTED.

2. BARRICADA ALSO CHARGED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN AND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH HAD BEEN REGULARLY INFORMED ON THE CONTRA SUPPLY EFFORT. OTHERS WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF OR PARTICIPATED IN THE SCANDAL, ACCORDING TO BARRICADA, WERE GENERAL RICHARD SECORD, RETIRED COLONEL ROBERT DUTTON, RETIRED GENERAL SINGLAUB, EX-SECURITY CONSULTANT MICHAEL LADEEN, ANTI-COMMUNIST EXPERT ROBERT OWEN AND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S MILITARY ADVISER LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOUGLAS MENARCHICK.
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